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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/28/2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 23-25,27-31,33-37,39-42,44 and 45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23-25,27-31,33-37,39-42,44 and 45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

1. Claims 23-25,27-31,33-37,39-42,44 and 45 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

For claim 23 and similarly 35, the examiner fails to see support in the original specification for the following limitations as emphasized:

“said transmitter, **at a predetermined time, automatically and without regard to any change in the rate of data received through said input** increasing the rate of **transmission....over a wireless link** “

The examiner fails to see support for that the transmitter **must transmit at an increased rate at predetermined time** over a wireless link. While the specification supports increasing the rate for a plurality of packets, it appears the disclosure does not support that such transmission with increase rate must happen at a predetermined time, where such transmission is over a wireless link.

Further, the specification appears to lack support for the specific negative limitation that one must transmit at a predetermined time at an increased rate over a wireless link, while

**not regarding change on rate of reception at an input.** Negative limitations need to be positively recited in the original specification.

Dependent claims are rejected based on their dependence.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
  2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
  3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
  4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.
2. Claims 23-25, 27, 29, 33, 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gvozdanovic et al (US 6,600,720) in view of Zeira et al. (US 2008/0267123), and Hayder et al (WO 02/087276) and Fang (US 2007/0064722)

For claim 23, Gvozdanovic discloses a method of transmitting data from a transmitter (see figure 2; ATM layer; AAL2) that transmits data received from an input to said transmitter (see figure 2; User traffic inputs (data, voice, inband signal etc) to lower layers output (ATM layer; AAL2); , said method comprising (see figs. 6-8):

(a) defining a first average rate to transmit a first plurality of packets of said data for presentation at a receiver (see col 5 lines 25-40 “SCR: Sustained cell rate..long term average rate”; figs. 6-8, SCR, all cells; col 8 lines 1-15 “sustained cell rate (average bandwidth) “; col 23 lines 10-15 “receiving end”; col 4 line 1-10 “at the transmitting entity...regenerates, at the receiving entity” )

(b) defining a second rate to transmit a second plurality of packets of said data comprising a subset of said first plurality of packets wherein said second plurality of packets is less than said first plurality of packets, wherein said second rate is greater than said first average rate (see col 5 lines 25-40 “PCR...SCR<PCR..MBS...maximum number..at PCR within the terms of the SCR..define bounds on burst durations”; figs. 6-8 PCR=4SCR, MBS; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ maximum length...transmit at PCR...PCR=4SCR...maximum length”)’

(c) a transmitter, at a predetermined time (see figure 6 and 7; burst tolerance; col 7 line 34-36), automatically increasing the rate of transmission to said receiver of said second plurality of packets to said second rate (see col 5 lines 25-40

“PCR...SCR<PCR..MBS...maximum number..at PCR within the terms of the SCR..define bounds on burst durations”; col 6 lines 30-34; figs. 6-8 PCR=4SCR, MBS; col 7 lines 5-21 ”PRCVoice...voice traffic bursts at PCR”; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ maximum length...transmit at PCR...PCR=4SCR...maximum length”; col 23 lines 10-15 “receiving end”; col 4 line 1-10 “at the transmitting entity...regenerates, at the receiving entity”; traffic speed is increased automatically to PCR when transmitting a burst of voice data from a transmitting end to receiving end);

(d) the ones of said first plurality of packets for presentation to user at said receiver that are included in said second plurality of packets (see col 5 lines 25-40

“PCR...SCR<PCR..MBS...maximum number..at PCR within the terms of the SCR..define bounds on burst durations”; figs. 6-8 PCR=4SCR, MBS; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ maximum length...transmit at PCR...PCR=4SCR...maximum length”; figs 6-8, burst).

For claim 24, Gvozdanovic discloses wherein said second plurality of packets are provided to said transmitter at the maximum rate (see col 7 lines 1-15 “maximum allocated voice bandwidth...”; col 5 lines 25-40 “PCR...maximum rate”).

For claim 25, Gvozdanovic discloses said second plurality of packets are provided as a burst of packets with at least two packets transmitted in a back-to-back fashion without other packets between them (see col 5 lines 25-40 “PCR...SCR<PCR..MBS...maximum number..at PCR within the terms of the SCR..define bounds on burst durations”; figs. 6-8

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burst; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ maximum length...transmit at PCR...PCR=4SCR...maximum length”).

For claim 27, Gvozdanovic discloses all packets of said second plurality of packets contain at least one of audio data (see col 5 line 15-40 “voice traffic”; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ voice channel”).

For claim 29, Gvozdanovic discloses wherein said transmitting is by an APPLICATION LAYER (see col 5 line 25-35 “voice application”).

For claim 33, Gvozdanovic discloses wherein steps (b) and (c) are performed a plurality of times over a time period (see figs. 6-8).

For claim 34, Gvozdanovic discloses wherein said first average rate is equal to the bit rate of the data source (see col 5 line 15-40 “Variable bit rate...”).

Gvozdanovic does not explicitly discuss the following:

For claim 23, an average rate;

said transmitter, at a predetermined time, automatically and without regard to any change in the rate of data received through said input transmitting a burst; estimating the bandwidth of said wireless interconnection based on respective arrival times, at said receiver, of only those ones that are included in a burst.

Zeira from the same or similar field of endeavor discloses the following:

For claim 23, Zeira discloses said transmitter, at a predetermined time, automatically and without regard to any change in the rate of data received through said input (see section 0123, 0339, 0521) transmitting a burst on a wireless interconnection (see figure 1; 520)

Hayder from the same or similar field of endeavor discloses the following:

For claim 23 ,Hayder discloses estimating the bandwidth of said interconnection based on respective arrival times (see page 5; line 25-33), at said receiver, of only those ones that are included in a burst (see page 3 lines 1-6);.

Fang from the same or similar field of endeavor discloses the following features:

For claim 23, Fang discloses a average rate (see section 0091-92 “PCR...mean rates...”)

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify / combine the features of Zeira by using the above recited features, as taught by Gvozdanovic, Fang, and Hayder in order to provide a reactive, realtime congestion control management method which allows more connections to be transported while maintaining quality(see Gvozdanovic cols 1-2) ; in order to efficiently transport synchronous data with limited jitter over a communication channel while making the remaining available bandwidth of the channel (see Fang section 0007); in order to a method of accurately measure a link bandwith in a real- time application, where no extra bandwidth overhead is incurred (see Hayder page 2 line 20-25)



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It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement Gvozdanovic's transmission methodology and a sustained cell rate and peak cell rate transmission to the system of Zeira where we are able to implement bursty traffic limits (SCR, PCR) to the bursty traffic of Zeira. Therefore, in the combination we would have burst transmitted at certain periods regardless of change of input rate as taught by Zeira. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine/ add Gvozdanovic features since it is suggested that the invention is to be applied to any packet network (see Gvozdanovic col 2 line 43-47), where Zeira is implemented via a packet network (see Zeira section 0003-5; claim 1)

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement measuring bandwidth of a link (such as the wireless link between base station and mobile of Zeira) by using Hayder 's method of marking burst and using those to estimate bandwidth of the link to the combination of Zeira and Gvozdanovic. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to implement Hayder 's bandwidth estimation method to the bursts as taught by the combination of Zeira, and Gvozdanovic, where Hayder's method utilize generic bursts and packets (see Hayder page 3 lines 1-6) for it method. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to apply the bandwidth estimation of Hayder utilizing data bursts to bursts that

are sent regardless of input change between the base station and mobile (such as taught by Zeira ) and use those burst to estimate the bandwidth of the wireless link.

3. Claims 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gvozdanovic et al (US 6,600,720), Zeira et al. (US 2008/0267123), and Hayder et al (WO 02/087276) and Fang (US 2007/0064722) as applied to claim 23, further in view of Makrucki (US 5,548,581)

For claim 28, Gvozdanovic, Seo, Gross and Fang discloses the claimed invention as described above.

Gvozdanovic, Seo, Gross and Fang are silent about:

For claim 28, said second plurality of packets is transmitted in a duration less than 1 second.

Makrucki from the same or similar field of endeavor discloses the following features:

For claim 28, Makrucki discloses said second plurality of packets is transmitted in a duration less than 1 second (see col 8 lines 20-40 “0.256 milliseconds...1 burst”).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify / combine the features of Gvozdanovic, Seo, Gross and Fang by using the above recited features, as taught by Makrucki, in order to provide a communication system with an improved ability to make connection acceptance/rejection decisions (see Makrucki col 2)

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4. Claims 30,31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gvozdanovic et al (US 6,600,720), Zeira et al. (US 2008/0267123), and Hayder et al (WO 02/087276), and Fang (US 2007/0064722) as applied to claim 23, further in view Khirman (US 2008/0117915)

For claim 30,31, Gvozdanovic, Zeira, Hayder and Fang discloses the claimed invention as described above.

Gvozdanovic, Zeira, Hayder and Fang are silent about:

For claim 30 , wherein said transmitting is by a transport layer

For claim 31 and 42, wherein said transmitting is by a network layer

Khirman from the same or similar field of endeavor discloses a communication network with the following features:

For claim 30, Khirman discloses wherein said transmitting is by a transport layer (see section 0004 "transport layer...network layer"; see fig. 1).

For claim 31, Khirman discloses wherein said transmitting is by a network layer (see section 0004 "transport layer...network layer"; see fig. 1).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Gvozdanovic, Zeira, Hayder and Fang by using the features, as taught by Khirman, in order to provide a module where multiple higher level functions can operate on any lower level functions

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5. Claims 35-37, 40, 44, 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gvozdanovic et al (US 6,600,720) in view of Zeira et al. (US 2008/0267123), and Hayder et al (WO 02/087276)

For claim 35, Gvozdanovic discloses A method of transmitting a contiguous sequence of data (see figs 6-8, burst), said method comprising:

(a) defining a transmission rate to transmit a plurality of packets of said contiguous sequence data wherein said transmission rate is greater than the average rate for transmitting said data to a receiver (see col 5 lines 25-40

“PCR...SCR<PCR..MBS...maximum number..at PCR within the terms of the SCR..define bounds on burst durations”; figs. 6-8 PCR=4SCR, MBS; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ maximum length...transmit at PCR...PCR=4SCR...maximum length”)’ ;

(b)

transmitting said plurality of packets of said data (see col 5 lines 25-40

“PCR...SCR<PCR..MBS...maximum number..at PCR within the terms of the SCR..define bounds on burst durations”; figs. 6-8 PCR=4SCR, MBS; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ maximum length...transmit at PCR...PCR=4SCR...maximum length”)’ over a

interconnection to a receiver (col 23 lines 10-15 “receiving end”; col 4 line 1-10 “at the transmitting entity...regenerates, at the receiving entity” ), at a predetermined time (see figure 6 and 7; burst tolerance; col 7 line 34-36),, at a rate automatically increased to said second rate (see col 5 lines 25-40 “PCR...SCR<PCR..MBS...maximum number..at PCR

within the terms of the SCR..define bounds on burst durations”; col 6 lines 30-34; figs. 6-8 PCR=4SCR, MBS; col 7 lines 5-21 ”PRCVoice...voice traffic bursts at PCR”; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ maximum length...transmit at PCR...PCR=4SCR...maximum length”; col 23 lines 10-15 “receiving end”; col 4 line 1-10 “at the transmitting entity...regenerates, at the receiving entity”; traffic speed is increased automatically to PCR when transmitting a burst of voice data from a transmitting end to receiving end), wherein all packets contain at least one of audio data (see col 5 line 15-40 “voice traffic”; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ voice channel); those packets of said contiguous sequence of data included in said plurality of packets (see figs 6-8, burst)

For claim 36, Gvozdanovic discloses wherein said second plurality of packets are provided to said transmitter at the maximum rate (see col 7 lines 1-15 “maximum allocated voice bandwidth...”; col 5 lines 25-40 “PCR...maximum rate”).

For claim 37, Gvozdanovic discloses said second plurality of packets are provided as a burst of packets with at least two packets transmitted in a back-to-back fashion without other packets between them (see col 5 lines 25-40 “PCR...SCR<PCR..MBS...maximum number..at PCR within the terms of the SCR..define bounds on burst durations”; figs. 6-8 burst; col 7 lines 25 through col 8 line 15 “ maximum length...transmit at PCR...PCR=4SCR...maximum length”).

For claim 40, Gvozdanovic discloses wherein said transmitting is by an APPLICATION LAYER (see col 5 line 25-35 “voice applicaton”).

For claim 44, Gvozdanovic discloses wherein said first average rate is equal to the bit rate of the data source (see col 5 line 15-40 “Variable bit rate...”).

Gvozdanovic is silent about:

For claim 35, Transmitting a burst, at a predetermined time, automatically and without regard to any change in the rate of data received through said input; estimating the bandwidth of said wireless interconnection based on respective arrival times, at said receiver, of only those ones that are included in a burst.

For claim 45, performing said transmitting and said estimating a plurality of times over a time period .

Zeira from the same or similar field of endeavor discloses the following:

For claim 23, Zeira discloses transmitting a burst, at a predetermined time, automatically and without regard to any change in the rate of data received through said input (see section 0123, 0339, 0521) on a wireless interconnection (see figure 1; 520)

Hayder from the same or similar field of endeavor discloses the following:

For claim 23 ,Hayder discloses estimating the bandwidth of said interconnection based on respective arrival times (see page 5; line 25-33), at said receiver, of only those ones that are included in a burst (see page 3 lines 1-6);.

For claim 45, Hayder discloses performing said transmitting and said estimating a plurality of times over a time period (see page 4 line 23-24).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify / combine the features of Zeira by using the above recited features, as taught by Gvozdanovic, and Hayder in order to provide a reactive, realtime congestion control management method which allows more connections to be transported while maintaining quality(see Gvozdanovic cols 1-2) ; in order to a method of accurately measure a link bandwidth in a real- time application, where no extra bandwidth overhead is incurred (see Hayder page 2 line 20-25)

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement Gvozdanovic's transmission methodology and a sustained cell rate and peak cell rate transmission to the system of Zeira where we are able to implement bursty traffic limits (SCR, PCR) to the bursty traffic of Zeira. Therefore, in the combination we would have burst transmitted at certain periods regardless of change of input rate as taught by Zeira. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to combine/ add Gvozdanovic features since it is suggested that the invention is to be applied to any packet network (see Gvozdanovic col 2 line 43-47), where Zeira is implemented via a packet network (see Zeira section 0003-5; claim 1)

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement measuring bandwidth of a link (such as the wireless link between base station and mobile of Zeira) by using Hayder 's method of marking burst and using those to estimate bandwidth of the link to the combination of Zeira and Gvozdanovic. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to implement Hayder 's bandwidth estimation method to the bursts as taught by the combination of Zeira, and Gvozdanovic, where Hayder's method utilize generic bursts and packets (see Hayder page 3 lines 1-6) for it method. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to apply the bandwidth estimation of Hayder utilizing data bursts to bursts that are sent regardless of input change between the base station and mobile (such as taught by Zeira ) and use those burst to estimate the bandwidth of the wireless link.

6. Claims 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gvozdanovic et al (US 6,600,720), Zeira et al. (US 2008/0267123), and Hayder et al (WO 02/087276) as applied to claim 35, further in view of Makrucki (US 5,548,581)



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For claim 39, Gvozdanovic, Zeira, and Hayder discloses the claimed invention as described above.

Gvozdanovic, Zeira, and Hayder are silent about:

For claim 39, said second plurality of packets is transmitted in a duration less than 1 second.

Makrucki from the same or similar field of endeavor discloses the following features:

For claim 39, Makrucki discloses said second plurality of packets is transmitted in a duration less than 1 second (see col 8 lines 20-40 “0.256 milliseconds...1 burst”).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify / combine the features of Gvozdanovic, Zeira, and Hayder by using the above recited features, as taught by Makrucki, in order to provide a communication system with an improved ability to make connection acceptance/rejection decisions (see Makrucki col 2)

7. Claims 41-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gvozdanovic et al (US 6,600,720), Zeira et al. (US 2008/0267123), and Hayder et al (WO 02/087276) as applied to claim 35, further in view Khirman (US 2008/0117915)

For claim 41,42, Gvozdanovic, Zeira, and Hayder discloses the claimed invention as described above.

Gvozdanovic, Zeira, and Hayder are silent about:

For claim 41, wherein said transmitting is by a transport layer

For claim 42, wherein said transmitting is by a network layer

Khirman from the same or similar field of endeavor discloses a communication network with the following features:

For claim 41, Khirman discloses wherein said transmitting is by a transport layer (see section 0004 "transport layer...network layer"; see fig. 1).

For claim 42, Khirman discloses wherein said transmitting is by a network layer (see section 0004 "transport layer...network layer"; see fig. 1).

It would have been obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Gvozdanovic, Zeira, and Hayder by using the features, as taught by Khirman, in order to provide a module where multiple higher level functions can operate on any lower level functions

### **Conclusion**

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KENAN CEHIC whose telephone number is (571)270-3120. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KWANG BIN YAO can be reached on (571) 272-3182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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